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TAGS: SNAR (TH, LA)
SUBJ: TASK FORCE REPORTS, WEEK ENDING JULY 4, 1973

1. TASK FORCE 23 (SNO)

A) PERSONNEL: NO CHANGE.

B) OFFICE SPACE: DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD COSNO STATED A
FIRM HAS BEEN FOUND AND A CONTRACT GRANTED TO BEGIN THE
REFURBISHING OF THE FANG SNO AREA OFFICE.

C) EQUIPMENT: NO CHANGE.

D) OPERATIONS: ON JULY 3, 1973 AT 1145 AM SNO PERSONNEL FROM THE
CHIANG RAI AND MAE SAI AREA OFFICES ARMED WITH INTELLIGENCE INFO
INITIATED A MOBILE SURVEILLANCE ON A SUSPECT VEHICLE WHICH WAS
TRAVELING SOUTH FROM CHIANG RAI ON HIGHWAY NUMBER ONE. A FEW
KILOMETERS NORTH OF PAYAO IT WAS DECIDED TO STOP SUSPECT VEHICLE
AT THE PAYAO CHECKPOINT. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WERE MADE WITH THE
CRIME SUPPRESSION PERSONNEL MANNING THE CHECKPOINT AT PAYAO AND
THE VEHICLE WAS INTERCEPTED. A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF THE SUSPECT
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VEHICLE REVEALED APPROX 100 KILOS OF SMOKING OPIUM DOUBLE RABBIT

BRAND IN 75 SMALL BAGS SECRETED UNDER THE SEAT OF THE SUSPECT VEHICLE, A RED MINI BUS. AFTER THE DISCOVERY OF THE OPIUM, THE DRIVER, IDENTIFIED AS CHANTA KANTAWANGSE, A THAI MALE, AGE 30 WAS ARRESTED BY SNO PERSONNEL AND TRANSPORTED ALONG WITH THE CONTRABAND TO THE CHIANG RAI PROVINCIAL POLICE. KANTAWANGSE, DURING POST INTERROGATION, STATED THAT HE HAD PICKED UP THE OPIUM AT KUAYKLAI, SUBDISTRICT OF MAE SAI, DISTRICT OF CHIANG RAI AND WAS TRANSPORTING SAME TO BANGKOK. SNO PERSONNEL ARE CONTINUING THE INVESTIGATION IN AN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY THE SOURCE AND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT OF THE CONTRABAND. KANTAWANGSE AND EXHIBIT 1 WERE RELEASED TO CHIANG RAI PROVINCIAL POLICE FOR THEIR CRIMINAL DISPOSITION.

COSNO REPORTS THAT INVESTIGATIONS ON TARGETTED VIOLATORS ARE CONTINUING AT EACH SNO GARRISON AND VEHICLE CHECKS CONTINUE TO AVERAGE AROUND 150 PER WEEK.

2. TASK FORCE 27 (GSI)

A. PERSONNEL: NO CHANGE.

B) OFFICE SPACE: NO CHANGE.

C) EQUIPMENT: GSI HAS TAKEN DELIVERY OF 4 NEW INTERNATIONAL SCOUT VEHICLES WHICH ARE CURRENTLY BEING DISTRIBUTED TO THE GSI HEADQUARTERS AND DISTRICT OFFICES.

D) OPERATIONS:

A. BAN HOU EI SAI: GSI OFFICERS ARE CONTINUING THEIR ROUTINE INVESTIGATIONS AND BEGINNING TO CONCENTRATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMANTS RELATIVE TO THE OPERATIONS CONCERNING THE BAN KWAN SAW MILL LOCATED NEAR THE TRI-BORDER AREA. NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORTED AT THIS TIME.

B. SAYABOURY: NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORTED DURING THIS PERIOD.

C. LUANG PRABANG: NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORTED DURING THIS PERIOD.

D. PAKSE: GSI OFFICERS SEARCHED DEPARTING CAMBODIAN COMMANDER COL. LIM SITH WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THIS OFFICER DEPARTED PAKSE FOR PHNOM PENH VIA RAL AT 1000 HOURS JULY 3, 1973. NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORTED DURING THIS PERIOD.

E. VIENTIANE: DURING THIS PERIOD, GSI OFFICERS CONTINUED THEIR SPOT SEARCHES OF LAO MILITARY AIRCRAFT. THROUGH INFO DEVELOPED THEY SEARCHED THE RESIDENCE OF MAJOR KEN, NAI PHENG HOUNSANH, AND THE HOUNSAVAHYONG COMPANY, LTD WITH NEGATIVE
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RESULTS. NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORTED DURING THIS PERIOD.
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